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**BY ECF**

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The Honorable Joseph A. Marutollo  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court, Eastern District  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Molina et al v. Xia, et al.* U.S. Dist. Ct., Dkt. No. 1:22-cv-00864-PKC-JAM,  
Ex Parte Settlement Letter

Dear Judge Marutollo:

I am writing as counsel for the Defendants in the above-referenced matter to respectfully request the Court's permission to proceed with the settlement conference scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024, in a virtual format. Unfortunately, I am currently out of state, in Florida due to a case sited there and will be unable to attend the conference in person. However, I am available and prepared to participate virtually. If this does not work we request an adjournment of the conference until September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or another date.

I have requested consent from Plaintiffs' Counsel, but have not yet received a response from them, but continue to remain committed to cooperating and collaborating with the parties in this matter to reach an amicable resolution.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate the Court's attention to this matter. I remain available to address any questions or concerns the Court may have.

Respectfully,  
/s/Robert Hantman

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